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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS AT PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

1. AT PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR INCOMING AMBASSADOR TO MAKE BRIEF REMARKS TO WHICH PRESIDENT PARK WILL RESPOND. SUCH REMARKS ARE USUALLY TWO TO THREE MINUTES LONG. MOFA PROTOCOL CHIEF LIMB HAS REQUESTED TEXT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT APPROPRIATE RESPONSE FOR PRESIDENT PARK CAN BE DRAFTED. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY SUGGESTED TEXT WHICH, WHILE FOLLOWING FORMAT USED IN PAST, IS DESIGNED TO REFLECT CURRENT STATE OF U.S.-ROK RELATIONS. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST ACCEPTABILITY OF TEXT OR DESIRED CHANGES SO THAT ADVANCE COPY OF TEXT CAN BE PROVIDED TO MOFA.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

MR. PRESIDENT:

ON THIS OCCASION I BRING TO YOU WARM GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, JIMMY CARTER. BY APPOINTING ME AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA,
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PRESIDENT CARTER HAS BESTOWED GREAT HONOR AND RESPONSIBILITY UPON ME. MY APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND ATTESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF THE UNITED STATES, AS YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL NOTE IN MY PRESIDENT'S LETTER OF ACCREDITATION.

MR. PRESIDENT, I COME TO KOREA AT A TIME WHEN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND A FUTURE SECURE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FREE SOCIETIES CONTINUES UNABATED. NOWHERE IS THE EFFORT TO ACHIEVE THIS END MORE CRITICAL THAN ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. THE EFFORTS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT, IN PARTICULAR YOUR RECENT ECONOMIC INITIATIVE, DESERVE THE FULL CONSIDERATION OF THOSE WHO ARE SINCERE IN THEIR DESIRE FOR PEACE.

PRESIDENT CARTER, IN HIS MOST RECENT LETTER TO YOU, TOUCHED ON THE MAJOR THEME OF OUR RELATIONSHIP. HE STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES IS DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND AN ENVIRONMENT FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH IN NORTHEAST ASIA. HE FURTHER EXPRESSED OUR FULL APPRECIATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA'S MAJOR SACRIFICES AND FIRM DEDICATION TO THE SECURITY AND DEFENSE OF YOUR NATION AGAINST AGGRESSION. I CAN ASSURE YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, OF THE FIRM INTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO SECURE THE GOALS WE BOTH DESIRE AND TO ASSURE FOR BOTH OUR PEOPLES FREEDOM, PROSPERITY, AND A FUTURE BLESSED BY WORLD PEACE.

MR. PRESIDENT, OUR TWO NATIONS SHARE MANY COMMON INTERESTS AND, AT THE SAME TIME, HAVE OVER THE PAST MONTHS HAD SERIOUS DIFFERENCES. IT IS A TESTIMONY TO THE DEPTH AND STRENGTH OF THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNDERSTANDING THAT BIND US TOGETHER THAT WE HAVE WEATHERED THESE DIFFERENCES. CONTINUING, AS IN THE PAST, TO APPROACH OUR COMMON PROBLEMS IN A COOPERATIVE AND FRANK MANNER, I AM CONFIDENT WE CANNOT BUT FURTHER IMPROVE OUR VERY IMPORTANT AND CLOSE RELATIONSHIP.

I BEGIN MY DUTIES HERE WITH A PROFOUND RECOGNITION OF THE RESPONSIBILITY I BEAR FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE MUTUAL RESPECT AND DEDICATION TO PEACE AND FREEDOM WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. YOU CAN BE ASSURED, MR. PRESIDENT, OF MY BEST EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS AND THEIR PEOPLES.

WITH OUR EXCELLENCY'S PERMISSION, I WILL PRESENT THIS LETTER OF RECALL OF MY DISTINGUISHED PREDECESSOR AND THIS LETTER OF MY PRESIDENT ACCREDITING ME TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AS AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.
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